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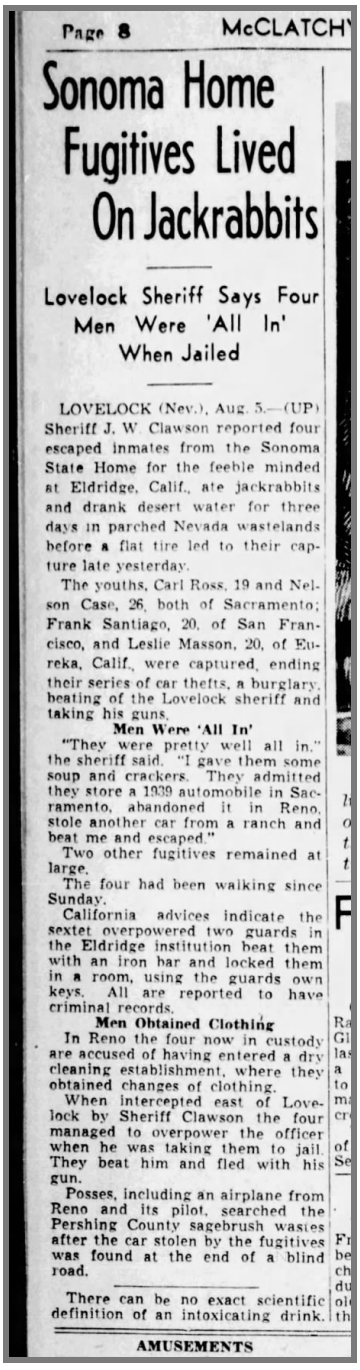

Sonoma Home Fugitives Lived On Jackrabbits

Lovelock Sheriff Says Four Men Were 'All In' When Jailed

LOVELOCK (Nev.), Aug. 5.—(UP) Sheriff J. W. Clawson reported four escaped inmates from the Sonoma State Home for the feeble minded at Eldridge, Calif., ate jackrabbits and drank desert water for three days in parched Nevada wastelands before a flat tire led to their capture late yesterday.

The youths, Carl Ross, 19 and Nelson Case, 26, both of Sacramento; Frank Santiago, 20, of San Francisco, and Leslie Masson, 20, of Eureka, Calif., were captured, ending their series of car thefts, a burglary, beating of the Lovelock sheriff and taking his guns.

Men Were 'All In'

"They were pretty well all in," the sheriff said. "I gave them some soup and crackers. They admitted they store a 1939 automobile in Sacramento, abandoned it in Reno, stole another car from a ranch and beat me and escaped."

Two other fugitives remained at large.

The four had been walking since Sunday.

California advices indicate the sextet overpowered two guards in the Eldridge institution beat them with an iron bar and locked them in a room, using the guards own keys. All are reported to have criminal records.

Men Obtained Clothing

In Reno the four now in custody are accused of having entered a dry cleaning establishment, where they obtained changes of clothing.

When intercepted east of Lovelock by Sheriff Clawson the four managed to overpower the officer when he was taking them to jail. They beat him and fled with his gun.

Posses, including an airplane from Reno and its pilot, searched the Pershing County sagebrush wastes after the car stolen by the fugitives was found at the end of a blind road.

There can be no exact scientific definition of an intoxicating drink.

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